

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-312-G - ORDER NO. 2000-552

JULY 6, 2000

IN RE: Gas Redelivery Agreement Between	)	ORDER
Piedmont Natural Gas Company and Tietex	)	APPROVING
International, LTD.	)	AGREEMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request for approval of a Gas Redelivery Agreement between Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont) and Tietex International, LTD (Tietex) entered into on June 2, 2000. Tietex contacted Piedmont indicating its desire to construct its own natural gas line to Transco, and thereby bypassing the services provided by Piedmont. Piedmont began discussions and studies to determine what opportunity it had to negotiate an agreement with Tietex to retain that company as a customer. The redelivery agreement before this Commission is the result of those negotiations.

We think that the approval of this negotiated agreement is in the public interest, and we therefore approve it. If the negotiations of the parties had been unsuccessful and this contract had never come to fruition, costs of the gas system formerly borne by Tietex could possibly have had to have been shared by the rest of Piedmont's customers. This contract provides a means by which Tietex continues to share this cost burden, and, in addition, continues to receive gas service from Piedmont. Approval is therefore in the public interest.


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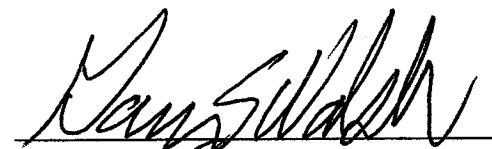
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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